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1. THE BUNDES RAT COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL AND LABOR AFFAIRS
REJECTED A PROPOSAL MADE BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
(HESSIAN SOCIAL MINISTER, DR. HORST SCHMIDT) TO
RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PENSION AGREEMENT BY A VOTE
OF 5 TO 5 WITH 1 ABSTENTION. THE 4 SPD/FDP LAENDER AND
BERLIN SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL. FIVE CDU/CSU LAENDER
(INCLUDING LOWER SAXONY)
VOTED AGAINST HORST SCHMIDT'S PROPOSAL. THE CDU LAND
SAARLAND ABSTAINED FROM VOTING. IN THE COMMITTEE
MEETING, NO MOTION WAS INTRODUCED TO REFER THE AGREEMENT
TO THE JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON MARCH 12, OR TO
AMEND THE AGREEMENT. THUS, THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT
PRESENT ANY RECOMMENDATION TO THE BUNDES RAT PLENUM
MEETING ON MARCH 12. THE COMMITTEE MEETING MADE CLEAR
THAT THE SAARLAND HAS NOT YET DECIDED HOW TO VOTE ON
MARCH 12. THE SOCIAL MINISTERS DR. HEINRICH GEISSLER
(RHINELAND-PALATINATE) AND KARL EDUARD CLAUSSEN
(SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN) INDICATED THAT THEIR NEGATIVE VOTES
ON FEBRUARY 25 DO NOT NECESSARILY ANTICIPATE THE
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DECISION OF THEIR LAENDER ON MARCH 12.

2. MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL AND LABOR AFFAIRS WILL BE THE MEETING OF THE BUNDESRAT FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10. CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMITTEE IS DR. HANS FILBINGER, MINISTER PRESIDENT OF BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG (CDU). THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN IS HANS KOSCHNICK (SPD), PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF BREMEN. FILBINGER HAS CALLED FOR REJECTION OF THE AGREEMENT, WHILE KOSCHNICK STRONGLY SUPPORTS IT. SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER ARE BOTH SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.
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